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Insurance for Textile Workers
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of insurance scheme for the textile workers of the country and the premium charged for these insurance schemes; and

(b) the number of the textile workers covered under various types of insurances during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a): The following schemes are implemented to provide insurance coverage to textile workers/weavers:-

i) The Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana which provides insurance cover to handloom weavers in the case of natural/accidental death and for total/partial disability as well as scholarship to their children. The total premium is Rs. 470/- of which the worker / weaver has to contribute only Rs. 80/- premium.

ii) The Health Insurance Scheme to provide access to health facilities for handloom weavers was implemented on the pattern of Rajiv Gandhi Swasthya Bima Yojana(RSBY) of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoH&FW). The premium is borne by Central and State Governments. The premium for RSBY is different in different set of districts.

iii) The Group Insurance Scheme for powerloom weavers/workers implemented as a Social Security/Welfare measure for the benefit of Powerloom weavers providing coverage for all natural/accidental death as well as permanent/partial disability due to accident as well as scholarship to their children. The total premium is Rs.470 /- of which the worker / weaver has to contribute only Rs.80/- premium.

iv) Health insurance programme for Sericulturists and workers was implemented through the State Sericulture Departments under Catalytic Development Programme during 2012-13 & 2014-15. The insurance premium per beneficiary was Rs. 1000/- which was shared among Central Silk Board, State and beneficiary in the ratio of 75:15:10 basis respectively. The Government of India discontinued implementation of Catalytic Development Programme as Centrally Sponsored Scheme with effect from the year 2015-16, on the recommendations of the 14th Finance Commission.

(b): The number of textile workers/weavers covered under the above insurance schemes
during the last three years and current year are given in Annexure.